

(f) Contracts for 16.75 lakh MT have been concluded so far, of which a quantity of 5.40 lakh tonnes has arrived in the country. The entire quantity of imported wheat will form part of the Central Pool and be distributed under PDS/RPDS and other Welfare schemes to the States/UTs.

[Translation]

De-Addiction Centres

2578. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of de-addiction centres established during the last three years in the country;

(b) the details of de-addiction centres established in Madhya Pradesh during the said period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether certain welfare schemes of Madhya Pradesh are lying pending with the Union Government for approval;

(e) if so, the reasons for the delay in according the same; and

(f) the date by which these schemes are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) 32 De-addiction Centres were brought under the grant-in-aid Scheme of Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention, implemented by this Ministry.

(b) Following two De-addiction Centres in Madhya Pradesh were sanctioned grant under the above Scheme during the said period :

(i) Indian Red Cross Society, Mandsaur.

(ii) Indian School of Social Work, Indore.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) The Ministry has received proposals from voluntary organisations in Madhya Pradesh for sanction of grant under the above Scheme. The sanction of grant-in-aid for setting up of new De-addiction/Counselling Centres depends upon the need, seriousness of the problem, competence of the Organisation, fulfilment of certain prescribed criteria laid down in the Scheme, availability of funds etc. Hence, it is not possible to indicate any definite time frame by which these proposals will be approved.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

2579. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of districts still without any Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Maharashtra; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to establish the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in all the remaining districts of the States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND AGRICULTURE) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Out of 29 rural districts in Maharashtra State seven districts are still without Krishi Vigyan Kendras. The names of the districts are :

(1) Raigarh (2) Chandarpur (3) Latur (4) Bhandara (5) Gadchiroli (6) Osmanabad and (7) Yavatmal.

(b) A comprehensive plan has been chalked out and taken up with the Planning Commission which covers upgradation of existing Farmers Training Centres to take up the functions of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the remaining districts of the State.

Committee for Environment Protection

2580. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high power expert committee for protecting the environment of Maharashtra's Dahanu Taluka has been constituted;

(b) if so, the names of the members and Chairman of the Committee;

(c) the number of the meetings held by this Committee; and

(d) the time bound programme to obtain their Report and implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) As per the directive of the Supreme Court, the Dahanu Taluka Environment Protection Authority, in the District of Thane, Maharashtra, has been constituted with the following composition :

1. Justice Chandrashekhar Shanke: Chairperson
Dharmadhikari (Retired Judge
of High Court, Mumbai)
2. Director, National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee, U.P. Member
3. Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa. Member
4. Head of the Botany Department, Mumbai University, Mumbai Member
5. Head, Department of Environmental Engineering, IIT, Mumbai Member
6. Prof. K.B. Jain, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology, Ahmedabad Member

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| 7. Director, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad | Member |
| 8. Collector, Thane | Member |
| 9. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Mumbai | Member |
| 10. Shri Vilas Vichare, Representative of Non-Governmental Organisation | Member |
| 11. Shri V.W. Deshpande, Deputy Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai | Member Secy. |

(c) and (d) Member Secretary of the Authority has informed that no Meetings have taken place so far.

Cotton Research Centre

2581. SHRI RAJA RANGAPPA NAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for dropping the sanctioned Cotton Research Centre at Raichur in the current Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the Government have finally decided to include the Cotton Research Centre project at Raichur in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, whether the required data and feedback already prepared during the current Five Year Plan will be made use off for setting up the said Centre?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Cotton has 27 centres in different agro-climatic zones of the country and, therefore, the proposal for new centres have not been agreed to. However, it is proposed to include a centre under AICRP (Cotton) at Raichur in the IXth Plan depending on final approval of the Planning Commission.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Modernisation of Sugar Mills

2582. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the name of sugar mills which received financial assistance from the Sugar Development Fund for modernisation during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the name of the sugar mills where the work of modernisation and rehabilitation was undertaken in the last two years, State-wise;

(c) the names of those mills where the modernisation work could not completed in time, State-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against such mills?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) A total of 25 sugar mills have received financial assistance from Sugar Development Fund for modernisation during the last two years. A statewide list is enclosed as statement.

(b) The Modernisation/rehabilitation work is spread over a time span and it is monitored by the Financial Institutions. The Financial assistance from SDF for modernisation is normally given in two instalments. The second instalment is released only after ascertaining that the first instalment has been properly utilised on the various approved modernisation and rehabilitation works out of the 25 sugar mills who received financial assistance during the last two years, 24 have already received full amount of assistance. The assistance so released is under various stages of utilisation.

(c) and (d) Though there is no specific time schedule prescribed in the sanction order for the modernisation schemes, yet efforts are made to see that these are completed within a reasonable period of time. As per reports available all the modernisation schemes taken up during last two years are under different stages of implementation and no inordinate delay has been reported in any of the cases.

Statement

Statewise List of Sugar Mills who received Financial assistance from the Sugar Development Fund during 1994-95 and 1995-96.

BIHAR

1. M/s. Harinagar Sugar Mills Ltd.
P.O : West Champaran, Bihar.
2. M/s. Riga Sugar Co. Ltd., Riga
Dist : Sitamarhi, Bihar.
3. M/s. Vishnu Sugar Mills Ltd.

KARNATAKA

1. M/s. Shree Doodhganga SSK Ltd.

MAHARASHTRA

1. M/s. Vasant SSK Ltd., Pusad,
Dist : Yavatmal, Maharashtra.
2. M/s. Bhogawati SSK Ltd.,
Shahunagar, Kolhapur Dist.
3. M/s. Chhatrapati Shahu SSK Ltd.,
Kagal, Dist. Kolhapur
4. M/s Vrideshwat SSK Ltd.,
Adinathnagar, Dist : Ahmednagar
5. M/s. Daulat SSK Ltd., Chandgad
Dist : Kolhapur